

JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Jefferson County Commissioners along with the City of Madison and the Town of Hanover have collaborated on a public statement regarding the recent Executive Order issued by Governor Eric Holcomb which ends the statewide mask mandate and limitations on the number of people attending sizes of gatherings on April 6th, 2021. With this statement, the local leaders are committed to ensuring local policies will be no more restrictive than those issued by the state. The full statement is listed below:

"Each municipality recognizes and affirms Governor Holcomb's recent announcement ending the statewide mask mandate and limitations on gathering sizes beginning April 6th, 2021. In addition, we affirm that our local policies will not be more restrictive than that which has been proposed by Governor Holcomb. However, we will continue to consider a data driven approach in consultation with the Governor's office, the Indiana State Department of Health, and our local health department, in determining future policy as necessary to promote public safety."

"Jefferson County has consistently had one of the lowest positivity rate averages in our 12-county region. We have maintained strong healthcare capacity in Jefferson County and thank our community members for their efforts to help contain our overall positivity and transmission rates. We support and appreciate the Governor's free COVID testing program, and increased vaccination availability that helped us "Get Back to Blue" and urge residents to take advantage of these."

"We encourage residents in Jefferson County, Madison, and Hanover to follow the CDC protocols to protect their own health as needed. We also encourage residents to respect businesses who wish to keep the precautions in place."

For more information about the latest guidance from Governor Holcomb or testing and vaccination availability, please visit www.coronavirus.in.gov.